PRESIDENT: I think that is enough, Mr. Velayudhan Pillai.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): Are the Government aware that certain other portions of the Main Central road are similarly affected as at Pandalam?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Appointment of a Clinical Assistant.

31.* **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the time at which the necessity for appointing a Clinical Assistant was felt by them;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Clinical Assistant's place is to be given only to a person who has undergone training in Bio-Chemistry;

(*c*) whether any person, who was undergoing the above course in Madras, has put in applications for the same in December 1932 and in subsequent months, and, if so, the dates of such applications;

(*d*) whether any person has been deputed by the Government for undergoing training for the above course, and, if so, the date on which it was decided to send a person for the purpose, the date on which the person was chosen and the date on which the matter was communicated to the person concerned; and

(*e*) if the person referred to in part (*d*) was deputed after receipt of the applications referred to in part (*c*), the reason for deputing such a person?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) About June 1932.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No application for the post of Clinical Assistant was received in December 1932. One person who was undergoing training in Madras applied for the post on 28-2-1933 and on 13-3-1933;

(*d*) Yes; in Chingom 1108 (August 1932) it was decided to send a person for training in Bio-Chemistry. The person was selected by the Darbar Physician on 28-11-1932. The order was communicated to the person selected on 8-3-1933.

(*e*) The selection of the candidate was settled on the date mentioned in part (*d*) long before the applications referred to in part (*c*) and the person selected was permitted to undergo training in Bio-Chemistry.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With regard to the answer to part (*d*), may I know why there was so much delay in communicating the decision made in December 1932 to the gentleman concerned?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because, the Madras Government had been requested to arrange for his training, and their reply was received only in March.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether the fact, that the decision arrived at in December 1932 was communicated only in March 1933, did not entail any expenditure to Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether Government interests have been in any manner prejudiced by their consideration of the application of a person who was undergoing training at Madras, without communicating their decision to him ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No. Government had committed themselves to the selection of a particular person by addressing the Madras Government about his training.

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether, if eventually the Government did not select the gentleman about whom they had addressed the Madras Government, they would have had to pay some damage or penalty for changing their mind ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No. Government had already made the selection long ago, and they did not see any reason why that decision should be changed. The Darbar Physician had selected the person after interviewing a few candidates ; and the Government had confirmed the selection by the Darbar Physician. Therefore Government did not see any reason for a change.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I take it that such confirmation of the selection, by Government, was not communicated to the person concerned ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It was communicated on 8th March 1933.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Before that, was any communication addressed to the candidate ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Does not the deputation of a person in service involve some loss to Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : In the present instance it is at his own expense.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Does he not get his pay ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether before the Assistant Surgeon was deputed to undergo training in bio-chemistry, any application for the post was received from persons qualified in bio-chemistry ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No such application was received before the Government made their selection and addressed the Agent to the Governor-General about his training.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : In view of the fact that there was an application from a man qualified for the post, was it not possible for the Government to appoint him straightaway and to cancel their decision to train an officer in service ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It might have been possible; but Government did not consider it fair to the officer selected to go back on their decision, and there was no reason why they should do it.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Was not the fact that there was a qualified man available for the post sufficient reason for the Government to cancel their decision and to appoint him?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No. A tried officer who had put in seven years' service had been selected by the Darbar Physician after personal interview, and Government had approved of that selection. Government did not consider it justifiable to change their decision, especially because it did not involve any expenditure to them.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the post has been filled up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Have the Government looked into the history of the service of the officer who has been selected for training?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The candidate has been in service for seven years and he has been selected, as the best candidate, by the Darbar Physician.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the Government or the Darbar Physician the history of the candidate's service?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The very fact that he is in service shows that there is nothing in the history of his service that prevents Government from nominating him.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the Government whether he was punished for any dereliction of duty?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether, for the post of a Chemical Assistant, the same candidate applied?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANIKKAR (*Shertala II*): May I know from the member the reasons which weighed with the Government in making the selection?

PRESIDENT: That question has already been answered.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the Government whether the clinical branch has already begun to work.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It has not.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Am I to understand then that this branch will begin to work only after the deputed member returns?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): After he returns, and after the clinical laboratory is fitted up.

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MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member whether, on the date of the Darbar addressing the Madras Government, the application of the trained man had been received by the Darbar Physician?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു ഡാക്ടർ രക്തത്തിൽനിന്ന് പതയെടുത്ത് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ് മേലധികാരിയോട് അതുമലംപനിയുടെ അണുവാണെന്ന് ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടുത്തുകയും അതു പിശകാണെന്ന് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ് മേലധികാരി പറകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാമൊ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know.

Construction and management of the Shencotta-Quilon and Quilon-Trivandrum Railways.

32.* **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table copies of agreements they have entered into with the South Indian Railway Company with regard to the construction and management of the Shencotta-Quilon and Quilon-Trivandrum Railways?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This Government have not entered into any agreement with the South Indian Railway Company for the construction and management of the Shencotta-Quilon and the Quilon-Trivandrum Railways. The contracts, in regard to these lines, are between the Secretary of State and the Company. This Government have settled the terms, of working on the lines, with the British Government?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Are the Government aware that, on the first day, it was stated that, in the agreement between this Government and the South Indian Railway Company, the South Indian Railway Company was not bound to submit accounts for auditing by this Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not between this Government and the Railway Company.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand that there is no communication between the Travancore Government and the South Indian Railway Company except through the Secretary of State for India?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We may correspond, on matters relating to the working, to elucidate points, to sanction estimates and all that. But in regard to matters of agreement, we have no agreement with the South Indian Railway Company. They work under a contract entered into between themselves and the Secretary of State.

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